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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136, Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for a two-month extension of time extending to January 7, 2009, the period for response to the Final Office Action dated August 7, 2008. Please charge the fee of \$245 for this extension to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. The responsive papers are attached.

Please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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